

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
March 1, 2018**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christine Taraborelli at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present were:

Dan Leicht
Deborah Snyder
Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore
Ed Coyle
Joe Zulli
Kishor Thakarar
Peter Knupp
Eric Tobin

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Christine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christine asked for a moment of silence to remember our military, police & veterans.

Christine asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the February 1, 2018 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Field Resizing – Jason commented that Baseball Field A is the standard little league size and is used all summer. Ian Kerr, youth travel baseball coach, explained that there are two sizes for ball fields, 1) 50/70 for ages 8-12 and 2) 60/90 ages 13 and older. Leagues are going to an interchangeable field. He described the problems finding a field close to home. They are requesting to add a 50/70 field in East Goshen Park. He estimated the cost at \$3,500.

Tim Kalligonis, youth travel baseball coach, explained how leagues are being formed outside of the well known little leagues. These teams are travelling teams.

Ian explained that, since their team is not sponsored by Great Valley Little League, it is difficult to use their fields. They practice on Saturday with games on Sunday.

Jason commented that Field A is all reserved for Spring. There are 5 to 6 leagues, church teams, and 55+ teams. Ed mentioned that he was with GVLL when they converted to the interchangeable field and it cost about \$60,000. He also explained what has to be done when the fields are switched.

Ian commented that they have three teams for ages 9, 10 and 11 and several coaches.

Jason mentioned that he and Mark Miller went to see the field at GVLL and saw the possibility of liability with switching back and forth.

Dan asked about the stepping involved on this type of field.

Joe feels we need to look into this in more detail.

Christine thanked them for coming.

Paoli Pike Trail – Jason reviewed the grants received so that every segment except B is funded. He discussed the timeframe for engineering and start of construction. Two Highland Avenue residents, Shelley Coover and Tish DeCecco, were present. Shelley mentioned that they heard that they are going to take 6 feet for a paved walkway along their property. They live along the road that comes to the park. Tish is concerned about traffic and explained the past use of the paved path into the park.

Jason explained that this is part of the Corridor Plan, which contains the concept of feeder trails to get to the town center on Paoli Pike. He explained how all concepts have to be included in the plan in order to get grant funding. Neighbors would get letters to attend a meeting. The Township did this with Bow Tree, which accepted the idea, and Marydell, which did not want it.

Community Day – Jason reviewed the food trucks (10) that have already signed up for this event. He needs two more – 1 for food and 1 for deserts. The Commission selected All of a Sudden Deserts and Spicy Belly. The budget for fireworks is \$9,000. He received 3 quotes. D&M was selected by the Commission. For inflatables the Commission selected Bettys Bounces. Jason will get pricing for other games etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Basketball Courts – Jason reported that the new backboards are installed and the courts are being used a lot. He and Mark Miller looked at the ground around the courts for the suggested seating in the plan, which was to carve out the dirt and lay stones down for seats. The ground is too sloped to do this so the bleachers will remain for now.

All Purpose Fields – Christine asked if the paved path on these upper fields was going to be extended. Dan also feels the turn around is not big enough. Jason is meeting with the Cricket team tomorrow.

Stones – Jason reported that there are 2 sets completed. He will install the lockbox next to the sign with a sign up sheet. The Commission would like to have a demo.

Volunteer Recruitment – Jason prepared a letter to go to local companies. The commission members reviewed it and approved it with an additional column for number of volunteers needed. Jason has been meeting with West Chester University Sorority/Fraternity Board to get volunteers as play ambassadors in the playground. They will help the children with some of the new games.

Playground – Jason mentioned that the new playground will be the first nature playground in the state. The official ribbon cutting will be part of Community Day, even though it will be open for use before that. Whole Foods wants to sponsor the ribbon cutting.

Buy-A-Brick – This program will end March 31, 2018. Jason put #103 on facebook. People have to guess what it is.

Hershey Mill Dam – Jason is meeting with the DCNR to tour this area and review the plans in order to apply for a grant. The estimated cost of this project is \$250,000. He feels it will be the Township's most artistic space.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Upcoming Events

- a. Building Bridges – this is a tech class for seniors. It will be held Thursdays in March.
- b. Naloxone Training – This will be held on Saturday March 3. Jason is expecting 50 people. Some State Park Rangers are also coming.
- c. Egg Hunt – This will be held on Saturday March 31. Jason will be out of the office the week before. Whole Foods in Exton is donating 500 bags and 400 coupons for a free cupcake. Jason needs help putting the coupons in eggs. The Egg Hunt will be held on baseball field A since the playground won't be ready.
- d. Walk With Ease – This will start on April 14. It is Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 am in East Goshen Park for 6 weeks.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Public Works Department performed the following work in the Park during the month of February:

- a. Restroom was cleaned daily, trash cans were emptied daily, and dog waste stations were restocked as needed.
- b. We had a break in the weather, which allowed us to remove the blacktop paths to the Hicks Pavilion and the bridge to the playground. The paths were widened, a stone base was put in and they are ready for blacktop.
- c. We also extended the pathway to the upper fields so coaches can get their equipment up to the fields.
- d. We removed the old basketball backboards and installed new ones.
- e. Mark met with the Township Engineer to go over what needs to be staked out to complete their work on the playground.
- f. General cleanup of downed tree limbs.

Work planned for March:

- a. Depending on the weather, they will start getting the fields ready for play. The Millcreek ballfield needs the base lines rebuilt.
- b. Work on the playground if it dries out.
- c. Build a new corral for the dumpsters.
- d. Plug and fertilize the playing fields.
- e. Geese control starts this month.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Christine moved to adjourn the meeting. Ed seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary